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TWO MWCC CABLE TV SERIES ARE ON THE AIR

Beginning in March two MWCC produced programs will be aired weekly on Montachusett Cable Television. "Dialog," which will be celebrating its first anniversary in April, will be joined by "Gardner Today."

"Gardner Today" is a half-hour weekly program produced by the students in Assistant Professor Vincent Ialenti's advanced television production course. The students have been hard at work preparing for the 12 week series which will be aired on Wednesday nights at 7:30 beginning March 7. The series' flexible format allows the presentation of three or four segments per program of soft news features, mini-documentaries, interviews, and entertainment features.

Extensive utilization of location video taping, graphics, and still photography is being used to produce exciting and viewable programming. Some of the features which will be highlighted on the first few programs include an on the scene report of Gardner's 50th Anniversary Ball, a report on the lowering of the drinking age, segments from Gardner High School's musical comedy production "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" and interviews with the plays director and crew.

"Dialog's" producer Assistant Professor Peter Trainor has scheduled six relevant community service special interest programs for his series in the next few weeks. A four-part series on drug abuse began on February 27.

The first show featured MWCC faculty member Ann Greene who introduced the problems and analyzed it from a sociological point of view. Jonathan Gaylord of the Massachusetts State Police was the guest on the second show and discussed the legal aspects of drug abue problem.

Drug rehabilitation was examined on the third program by representatives from the drug unit of Gardner State Hospital and Marathon House. On March 20 the final program on drugs

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How To Finance a College Education Presentations Offered to Area High Schools

MWCC's Director of Financial Aid Stanley T. Moak discusses the problems of financing a college education with parents of Narragansett High School students. The well received presentation was the first in a series to be given at area high schools. The session was hosted by Narragansett's Director of Guidance, William Jacobi (third from the left.)

With the spiraling cost of higher education today, it is the rare parent who does not need some form of financial aid. According to college President Dr. Arthur F. Haley, "We believe there is a requirement to inform parents of high school students about the cost of college education and the large variety of resources available to them from state, federal, and private funds."

In order to answer this need, MWCC is offering to local high schools a team of three members from the college's staff to make a presentation to parents entitled "Financing a College Education."

The first presentation was made to parents of Narragansett High School students in Baldwinville and featured college Financial-Aid Director Stanley T. Moak, Assistant Dean of Students David W. Halvorsen, and faculty member Thomas Malloy.

"Because of the complexities and constant changing nature of financial assistance," Mr. Moak said, "it is often difficult for the parent to locate the various sources and to keep informed of variations in application procedures and funding."

Mr. Moak described for the parents the basic federally sponsored financial assistance programs which include National Direct Student Loans, Educational Opportunity Grants, College Work Study Programs, Law Enforcement Education Programs, Nursing Loan Programs, and Nursing Scholarship Programs. In addition he analyzed other alternatives such as part-time employment, guaranteed loan programs, and private scholarships, and explained some of the problems which may confront the parent in filling out the Parent's Confidential Statement which is an intrical part of most financial-aid applications.

Perhaps one of the most revealing portions of the discussion was Mr. Moak's analysis of the actual cost of sending a student to a two or four year college. He stated that for most two and four year public institutions in Massachusetts the direct general education cost for the student, including fees, is around $490. He urged parents not to underestimate the cost of transportation for the commuting student because costs in this area often exceed original computations. The expenses involved in sending a student to a private college were also discussed.

After the meeting the parents had an opportunity to speak individually with the three MWCC representatives. During

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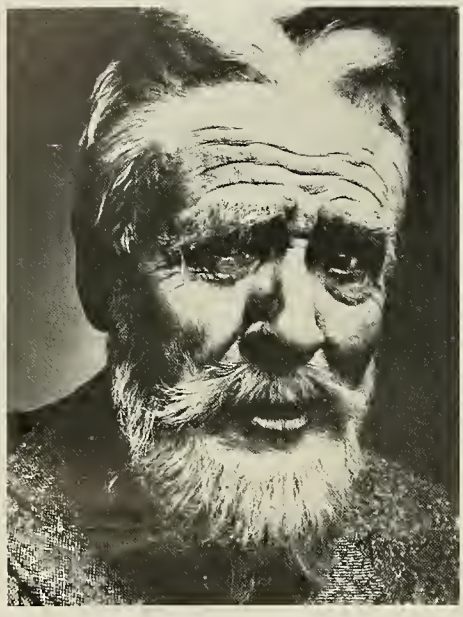
Bramwell Fletcher to Appear as George Bernard Shaw



Shown here are two views of Bramwell Fletcher as George Bernard Shaw. The noted actor will appear as Shaw in a one-man show on March 28, at Gardner High School Auditorium at 8:00. The public is invited and admission is free. Mr. Bramwell conceived his impersonation of GBS while he was playing Henry Higgins in "My Fair Lady," replacing Rex Harrison opposite Julie Andrews. According to Fletcher "Shaw's humor, unlike most humor, does not date. His wit is more pungent today than when he wrote those witty lines. He said himself that his ideas were a hundred years ahead of the times, and he was right. What Bernard Shaw had to say as early as 1904 and 1906 is still prophetic, still ahead of today! And therefore twice as pertinent today as ever!"
Fletcher has presented his show all over the world. The New York critics gave unanimous raves to the show. During the New York run and a tour of the major cities, an older member of the audience would occassionally rush backstage, demanding Shaw's autograph. Fletcher recalls that "One refused to believe that I was not GBS no matter what I said and was furious because I would not sign myself George Bernard Shaw on his program!"

Three Part-Time Faculty Join Day School Staff

Three new part-time instructors joined the MWCC day-school faculty this spring. All three are teaching courses in the Division of Social Sciences.

Ken Ash is teaching the Public Communication Curriculum's broadcast station management course. Mr. Ash, a veteran of over 35 years in radio, is well known in the Greater Gardner Community as the "morning man" and program director of radio station WGAW.

A native of Syracuse, N.Y., Ken began his broadcasting career at WIBX in Utica while still a student at Syracuse University. He then moved on to a Pennsylvania station before serving as a staff announcer at NBC in New York City.

After serving in the army, Ken came to Massachusetts and worked at WHAV, Haverhill, WHDH, Boston, and spent the last 21 years before coming to Gardner at WKOX in Framingham.

MWCC graduate Ernest Bettez is returning to the college to teach courses in developmental psychology and program planning for young children. After receiving an A. A. degree from MWCC, Mr. Bettez earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Massachusetts, and a master's degree in child development at the University of Georgia.

While working on his M.S., he had several papers published and served as a staff assistant for a federally funded program which trained day-care personnel. Before returning to Gardner Mr. Bettez was employed as the educational director of a comprehensive childhood development center in Toccoa, Georgia.

The third addition to the staff is Charles G. Hitchcock, Jr., who is teaching the Mental Health Curriculum's course in learning disabilities. A graduate of Fitchburg State College, he now lives in that city.

Currently, he is the Associate Director of the Reading and Diagnostic Center in Fitchburg and also teaches at the Applewild School in Fitchburg. He also serves as a consultant on learning disabilities in the school districts of the Montachusett region, and conducts teacher-parent workshops in learning disabilities.

Campus Notes

Mr. Frank Parrish of the 10-23 Radio Club of North Worcester County presented a scholarship check to Mr. Donald Brouillet, a sophomore Electronic Technology student at MWCC. Mr. Brouillet has an overall average of 3.43. In his first semester of his sophomore year he earned a 3.58 academic average.

Upon graduation from Mount Wachusett Community College in June 1973, Donald plans to work for two years, to attend evening school, and ultimately complete his formal education.

He is a 1971 graduate of Athol High School and resides with his parents at 25 Chester Street in Athol.

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Assistant Professor Edward H. Stevens of the Science and Technology Division has been appointed by Gardner Mayor Clarke Stedman to the city's Planning Board.

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The Distinguished Visitors Committee in cooperation with the biology curriculum recently sponsored a panel discussion and a lecture. On March 2 a panel was held on abortion and featured MWCC Associate Professor N. Pete Tandy and Dr. Mildred Jefferson of Harvard University School of Medicine. And on March 9, Deborah Feinbloom, Director of the Gender Identification Unit discussed "Transvestitism and Transexuality."

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As part of its Visual Arts Film Series, the Art Curriculum sponsored three 30 minute films on artists Robert Rauschenberg, Jasper Johns, and Jack Tworkov earlier this month. The next presentation will be on April 3 and will feature films on Francis Bacon and Michelangelo. The films are open to the public and there is no admission charge. For screening times and further information call the Pearl Street Campus at 632-8299.

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Four films made during World War II will be featured as the next presentation of the Distinguished Visitors Documentary Film Festival. "The Silent Village," "World of Plenty," "The Battle of San Pietro," and "Le Retour." will be shown at 7 P.M. on March 22nd at the Chestnut Street Methodist Church in Gardner. Admission is free and open to the public.

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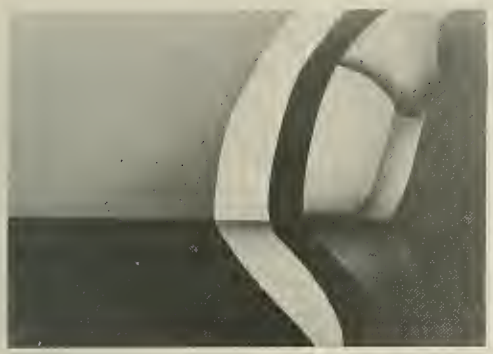
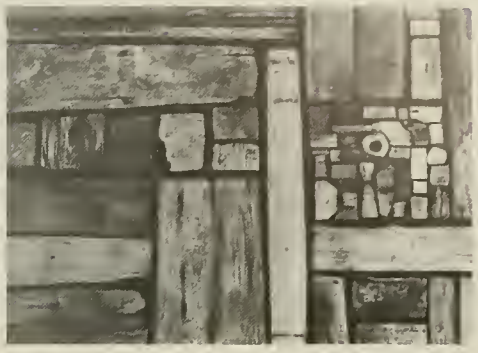
The Humanities Club recently conducted a trip to see the Dance Theater of Harlem at the University of Massachusetts.

MWCC's ART COLLECTION IS ON DISPLAY FOR THE PUBLIC





Three of the 25 pieces of MWCC's art collection now on display are shown above from left to right are Robert Alexander Aiello's acrylic on canvas "Bathing Beauty;" Leonard Baskin's etching "Grunewald;" and a wood assemblage "Spar Cove" by Judith Goodwin.

The first complete exhibition of permanent art collection is now being held at the Downtown Campus Art Gallery until March 21. Featured in the exhibit are 25 works by such nationally and internationally known artists as Frank Roth, Adolph Gottleib, Leonard Baskin, Harold Altman, and Chaim Koppleman.

The collection was initiated by the Humanities Club when it purchased a Robert Alexander Aiello oil painting for the college. in 1968. Under the leadership of faculty advisor E. Guy Turcotte, the club has held several highly successful auctions which have raised the money for the art's purchase.

According to Mr. Turcotte, "While the Humanities Club has not been able to afford to purchase, as yet, any significant piece of sculpture, the collection is varied insofar as media and technique are concerned. Included in the collection are excellent examples of oil painting, but the greater part consists of practically every technique in the graphic arts: etching, woodcut, engraving, lithograph, and serigraph."

As to the function of the college's collection, Mr. Turcotte points out: "I think that something important about these art works is too often overlooked. Mount Wachusett Community College is a publicly funded institution which exists to serve both the larger and the more specific educational and cultural needs of the community. Normally these paintings and prints, are located at all three campus sites. They belong to the public; they aren't the sole property of the students, faculty and administration."

Also the Art Curriculum has announced the Art Gallery Exibition Program for the remainder of the year. A group exhibition of various artists will be held from March 23 to April 2. From April 4 - 11, the recent works of Eugene Laford, and Martin Vitkauskas will be featured.

The art of Steven Donaldson and Donald Tucker is going to be exhibited from April 13-25. The recent works of Michael Remillard and Michael Shattuck will be featured from April 27 through May 7. And a joint exhibit of MWCC student painting and sculpture will be on display from May 9 to May 21.

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the month of March meetings are scheduled with parents at Murdock High School in Winchendon, and North Middlesex High School in Pepperell

In April the presentation will be given at St. Bernard's High School and Holy Family High School in Fitchburg, Lunenburg High School. and Clinton High School. Several sessions have already been arranged for the fall. Dr. Haley is offering the presentation to all area high schools. Any high school administrator or guidance counselor seeking further information on the sessions, or who would like to schedule a presentation can do so so by contacting President Haley at 632-1280.

Operation Hot Wheels was a success! Through the efforts of the student's, the college has acquired a 15 seat mini-bus which will be used for a wide variety of student activities. Director of Admissions Robert Eaves is shown here inspecting the vehicle. Last school year the student council conducted book and Christmas tree sales, as well as a faculty auction. In addition it voted to contribute 75% of the surplus student activity funds towards the purchase of the bus.

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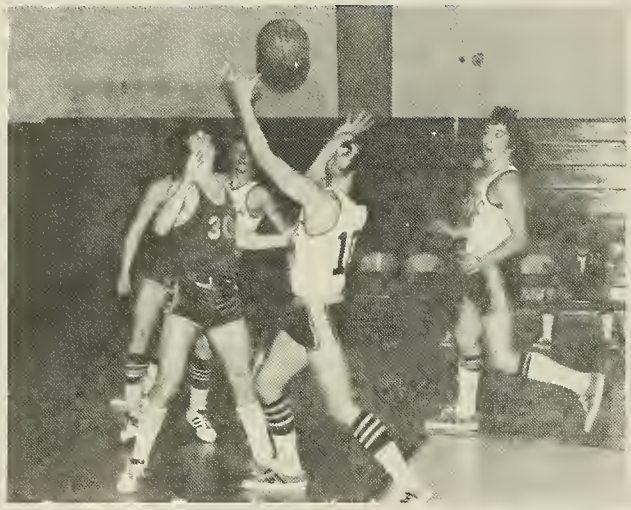
will feature psychiatrist Dr. George Deering who uses a troup of actors to dramatize some of the problems caused by drug adiction.

A special two-hour program is slated for March 27 at 7 P.M. which will take a look at the agencies which exists under the Montachusett Opportunity Council and their fate in light of President Nixon's dismantling of the Office of Economic Opportunity. This program will feature video taped highlights of Congressman Drinan's hearings on the future of the Montachusett Regions social assistance programs.

A second two hour special will be presented at 7 P.M. on April 20. This program will examine the question of the Gardner School Referendum on the eve of the vote. Excerpts from "Dialog's" earlier four-part series on the educational crisis will be featured along with interviews with community representatives presenting both sides of the issue.

Winter Sports Wrap-Up



Charlie Sardolis (third from left) scrambles for the ball while Andy Cousins (2nd from left) and Mark Eaton (right) stand ready to offer assistance. The team finished the season with a 3 and 16 record, Glenn Bizzotto lead the team as well as the entire Mass. Community College Athletic Conference with a 28.5 point average per game. The women's team ended up with a 3 - 16 record. Team captain Maureen O'Brien was top scorer with a 15.2 point average per game.

In its first year of organized competition, the MWCC hockey team finished the season with a sweep of its last three games to end up with a disappointing but promising 3 win and 9 loss record.

Coach David Halvorsen expressed his satisfaction with the team's overall performance. "We had a young team," he said, "only 10 out of the 16 man squad had ever played organized hockey before. The team's dedication and hard work was beginning to pay off at the end of the season. The fact that we won our last three games speaks for itself."

"To be honest," Coach Halvorsen added, "most of the teams we played were too strong for us. One reason for this is that the opposition teams are from areas that play high school hockey. In the Montachusett Region high school hockey has only begun to develop in the last few years. High Schools such as Athol, Oakmont, and Naraganset still do not have ice squads."

Coach Halvorsen is optimistic about next season. He stated that, "Eleven out of 16 players are returning to the team next year. And hopefully the new skate rink in Gardner will be ready by next winter enabling the team to get in more practice time."

The team's performance was sparked by the goal tending of team captain Bob Ader. The leading scorers were Don Marsh with 22 points, Bernie Cote with 21, and John Fitzgerald with 16. Fortunately for Coach Halvorsen all three of the skaters are among those returning next year.

SKI CLUB ENJOYS WINTER

Perhap none of the college's extra-curricular student organizations looks forward more to the winter season than the Ski Club. The club, under the guidance of faculty advisor Ken Takvorian of the Science and Technology Division, is designed to bring together students with a fondness for the outdoors and outdoor activities.

Twenty-two of the club's members participated in the organization's climb of Mt. Monadnock's White Dot Trail on Columbus Day. Braving muddy trails, gusty winds and snow showers on the summit, the student successfully conquered the mountain and concluded the day with a picnic lunch.

A wide variety of entertaining and instructional ski films are shown throughout the year at the club's meetings and in the cafeteria for the enjoyment of club members and non-club members alike.

On Thanksgiving Eve, the club held a sleigh ride and dance in New Hampshire. And in December a student dance was held to earn money to defray the cost of the club's many ski trips to such resorts as Killington, Waterville Valley, and Okemo. Next on the Ski Club' agenda is the sponsorship of a "fun-night" at a local ski area which will be open to the entire community.

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Summer School catalogs are now available. The program will consist of two separate six-week sessions with Session I beginning on Monday, June 4 and ending on Friday, July 13. Session II will run from Monday, July 16 through Thursday, August 23. Classes will be held at both the Gardner Campus and the Fort Devens Campus Extension.

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